

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 10, 13 and 14 and indication of allowable subject matter in claim 15 are acknowledged with appreciation.

The objection to the drawings is believed mooted by cancellation of claims 13 and 14, without prejudice or disclaimer. Proposed Figure 1(c), which was objected to and not entered, has also been canceled, and references thereto which had been added to the specification, also have been deleted.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite more generically the securing arrangement claimed in allowable claim 15, and claim 15 has been amended to accommodate it to the amended parent claim. Support for the amendments is found, *inter alia*, in paragraph [0027] of the specification and in Figures 1(a) and 1(b) of the drawings.

The rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Jones, U.S. 2,231,144, and the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Jones in view of Brimhall, U.S. 5,665,047, are respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

Jones does not describe or in any way suggest at least one fixed holding member carried on the base part and a radially extending mounting flange on the abutment defining at least one opening through which the at least one holding member can pass axially when the abutment is in one rotational position and comprising at least one portion which underlies the at least one fixed holding member when the abutment is rotated to a second rotational position. Brimhall contains nothing to rectify this deficiency of the primary reference. Thus, the cited references fail to anticipate or render obvious the presently claimed invention, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, this application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.


If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any

deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #178/50688).

Respectfully submitted,

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